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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (M. R. Ry. K. ACHYUTA MENON, AVL., B.A., B.L.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, L. M. Pylee, T. V. Subramania Ayyar, and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

PERSONAL STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, before entering into the questions, I beg leave of the House to make an explanation of an unfortunate incident which, with no intention at all in my mind, took place last Saturday. There was a cut motion by Mr. Viswambharan wherein he mentioned about hysteria. I was simply dilating upon the word "hysteria" to say that that description fits in well in my case and also in the case of my friend Mr. C. R. Iyyunni and in a way in the case of Mr. Viswambharan also.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Why is it that I am omitted? *(Laughter)*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, I forgot to mention your name. I say in the case of Mr. Bhaskara Menon also. Thank you, Sir, for your correction *(Laughter).* I think it applies also in the case of Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Hear hear).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I also.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not mean to include you.

Sir, I was saying that just to show that in such a condition, people may exaggerate things to some extent as I used to do at times, and so far as the Kalamandalam was concerned, the description given by Mr. Viswambharan should be taken

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with reservation. There was not the least intention, to wound anybody's feelings, otherwise I would have apologised to this House then and there. But, in this case, fortunately there was no intention at all, and as you all know how I express myself when I am in a temper *(Laughter)*. Mr. Ayyappan who was watching me closely at that time had certified that I was not in temper. I do not want any unnecessary unpleasantness being created in this House. We are already in a difficult time, and I do not want to contribute my share to make the situation more difficult. I never thought for a moment that Mr. Viswambharan took it like that when he used that word himself in his cut motion. There he said: "the planless and *hysterical* manner in which the funds for Rural Development are distributed." I thought that he had taken the word in a humorous manner. I also took it in a humorous manner. I want to dispel from the minds of the House any unpleasantness created. I am capable of creating unpleasantness deliberately occassionally *(Laughter)*. I can only say that the Hon'ble Member Mr. Devassy also lost his temper and shouted his question at me. My temperament is always in a balanced condition; in spite of all the pre-arranged determination not to lose my temper, it does go out sometime *(Laughter)*. I wanted only to explain this so that any unpleasantness unintentionally created must be removed. I hope, I have explained the matter satisfactorily to this House.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Sir, after hearing the Hon'ble Minister it is my duty to respond to what he said in the same spirit. And knowing that there is no intention behind it, we have no intention to take objection. It is my sincere hope that the Hon'ble Minister will take it in that light. If I have said anything, it is only in the interests of dignity and brother-hood of this House.

Mr. President: All is well that ends well.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Sir, in the light of this explanation, I beg to withdraw my adjournment motion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

COLONY FOR KORAVAS—ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR

251. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any idea to have a colony for Koravas;

(*b*) how many of them have applied for the same;

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